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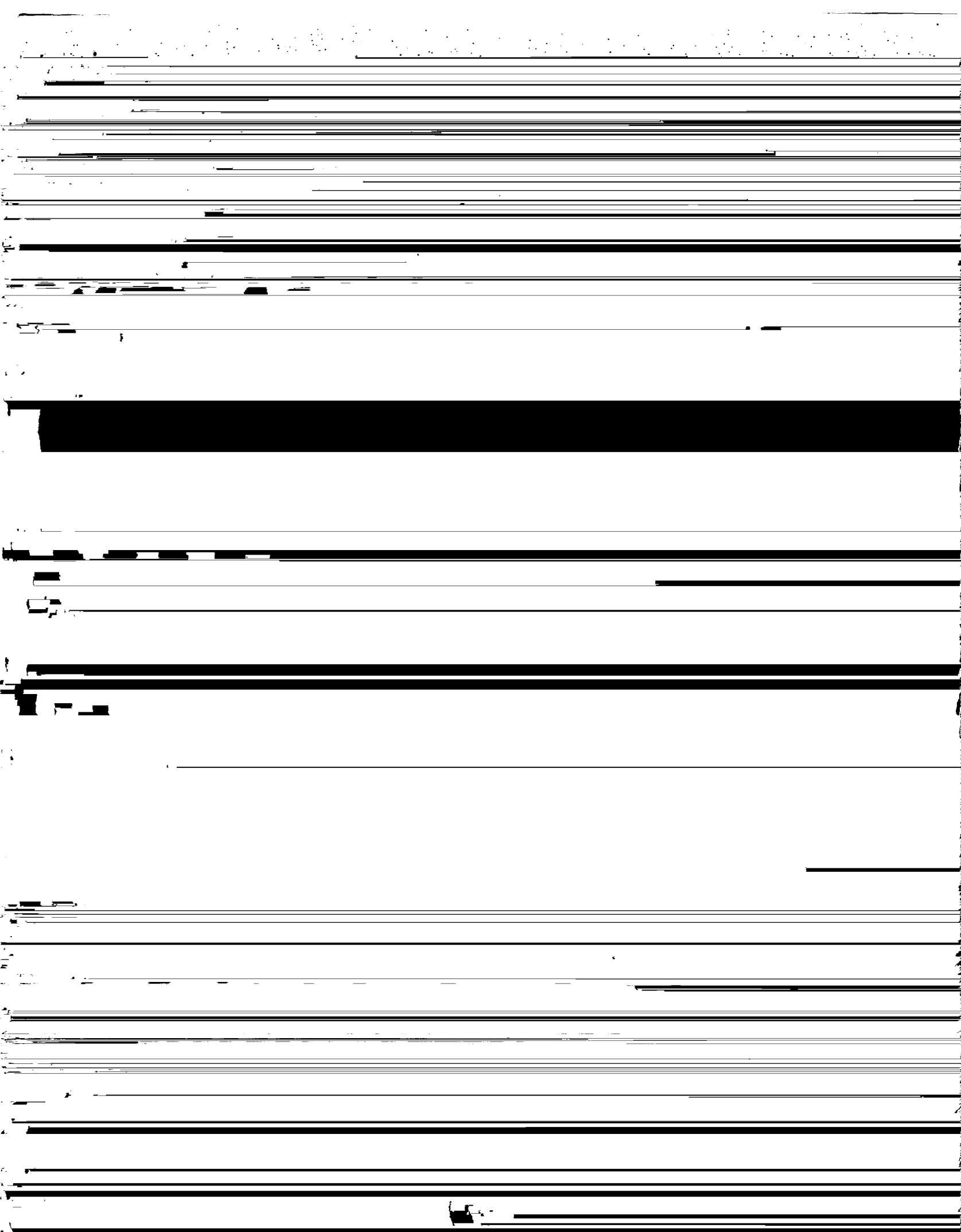
IN REPLY REFER TO:

Honorable Lane Evans
Member, House of Representatives
1640 North Henderson Street
Suite 1
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Dear Congressman Evans:

This is in reply to your letters of February 22, 1993, in which you inquired



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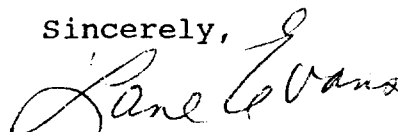
RE: Mr. Keith Kennett
861 Mulberry Drive
Geneseo, IL 61254

Dear Ms. Solheim:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr. Keith Kennett.
Enclosed is information pertaining to his concerns.

I would appreciate any information and assistance you can provide
regarding this matter. Please respond to my district office located
at 1640 North Henderson Street, Suite 1, Galesburg, Illinois,
61401.

Sincerely,



LANE EVANS
Member of Congress

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Mr. Keith Kennett
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February 4th, 1993

The Honorable Senator Denny Jacobs
606 19th Street
Moline, IL 61265

Dear Senator Jacobs, *Lane*

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own two radios, two R/C models, and have a workshop full of other products necessary for the operation of my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHZ spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHZ of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

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When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as